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FOR THE  
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OF  
WIDOWS and ORPHANS  
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WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

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THE vicissitudes of human life are daily felt, and universally acknowledged.—With the fairest prospects of success, and even in the full enjoyment of health, man often falls a sacrifice to accident or disease, and leaves his family in circumstances of absolute or comparative distress.

Instances of this truth have occurred so repeatedly, that persons in particular situations have been induced to form themselves into Societies, for the purpose of raising funds, that might obviate, or lessen, the consequences of such melancholy events.

To this laudable motive the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the

Clergy owes its establishment ; and, with the same benevolent intention, similar associations have been formed by men of other professions. The number of objects, whose necessities have been relieved, affords the most ample testimony of the utility of such institutions ; while the encouragement they have received, from persons not immediately interested, is an unequivocal proof of their estimation in the public opinion.

It is remarkable that Medical Men, in this metropolis, should have been so long inattentive to the benefit, which their families might derive, from a well-regulated establishment of this kind. The opinion of the world, discountenancing Celibacy in them, is a cause why there is proportionally a greater number married in this, than in any other class. The expences attending their education, with the obstacles which render a productive establishment in business slow and precarious, often prevent them from making an early provision  
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for their families. If to these circumstances it be added that they are, from the nature of their profession, particularly exposed to contagion and other causes of disease, more need not be urged, to enforce the necessity of promoting some scheme, to alleviate the distress to which their families may be liable, when deprived, by death, of the protection and support of a Husband or a Father.

This Society is formed to raise and establish a fund for such purposes.

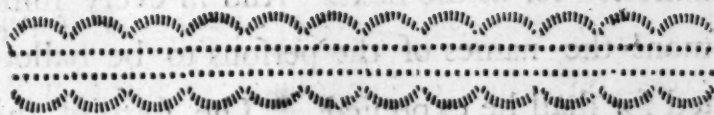
Young professional men, reflecting upon the uncertainty of life and of success, will naturally find comfort, in the consideration of its being in their power, at a small annual expence, to lessen the miseries, to which their wives and children may be exposed, after their decease. Such as are enabled to bequeath wealth to those whom they may leave behind them, will have an opportunity of testifying their gratitude to that profession, in which it  
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has been acquired, by contributing some part of it to the relief of the families of their less fortunate brethren :—And others, not of the profession, who are benevolently disposed, will, by means of this establishment, have it in their power to exercise their humanity, by contributing to the relief of those who were entitled to indulge better expectations.

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IF this institution had been founded upon the principles of a Society for the benefit of Survivors, it could not have answered fully the proposed benevolent intention ; for then it must have had a termination ; whereas it is meant to be perpetual.—Or, if it had been formed upon the General Plan of Annuity Societies, the benefits might have fallen in many cases to Widows and Children not in want of assistance ; and in others, relief could not have been proportioned to the degree of real Distress, which is the object of this Society.

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## THE LAWS.

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### I.

**N**O person shall be admitted a member of this Society, unless he be, or have been, a physician, surgeon, or apothecary, and reside within the limits of the jurisdiction of the College of Physicians.

### II.

Every person desirous of becoming a member, shall be recommended by at least TWO members of the Society, who shall signify in writing, his name, line of practice, place of abode and general character : he shall then  
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be proposed at one Court of Directors, and ballotted for at the next. And in every summons the names of the persons to be ballotted for shall be expressed. \* The form of the recommendation shall be as follows :

“ WE, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do, from our personal knowledge,  
 “ recommend A. B. (*here insert his profession*  
 “ *and place of abode*) as a gentleman of good  
 “ character, and proper to become a Member  
 “ of this Society.

“ C. D.

“ E. F.”

(Date)

### III.

Every member shall pay the sum of One Guinea as his fine of admission; and an annual subscription of Two Guineas, one moiety whereof at the time of admission, the other in six months. The subscription is to be continued regularly by half yearly payments;  
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the date of subscription being computed from the Half-yearly Court immediately preceding admission.

## IV.

The sum of twenty guineas, paid at one time, or within the current year, shall be considered as a composition for annual payments, and constitute the subscriber a member for life.

## V.

Notice shall be sent to every member of the time when his subscription becomes due ; and if he neglect to pay the same within two calendar months after that period, he shall be liable to removal from the Society.

## VI.

If any member remove without the limits of the Society, or relinquish the practice of medicine, he shall nevertheless continue a member, and be entitled to all the privileges of



the Society, so long as he shall continue his subscription.

## VII.

Any member, who shall publicly advertise any medicine, as a secret, either as to ingredients, or mode of preparation; or who shall publicly advertise to cure any disease; and who shall not totally discontinue the said practice, within three months after due notice of the Court of Directors having proof thereof, by a letter from the Secretary, containing also a copy of this law, shall cease to be a member.

## VIII.

A General Court, open to all the members, shall be held twice in every year, viz. on the first Wednesday in April, and on the first Wednesday in October, at six o'clock in the evening, at the Gray's-inn Coffee-house, in Holborn, or such other place as shall be appointed by the Court of Directors, at their  
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previous meeting : notice of which General Courts shall be sent to each member of the Society, and also advertised in some of the public papers.

## IX.

No business shall be transacted at any General Court, unless TWENTY-ONE members be present.

## X.

All elections shall be by ballot, and decided by a majority ; the chairman to have no vote, except in case of equality of numbers.

## XI.

Previous to the election of any person into any office, place, or trust, of the Society, two scrutators shall be appointed, who shall cast up the votes and report the numbers.

## XII.

At the General Court on the first Wednesday in October, the following officers shall be

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elected, to wit; a President, twelve Vice-Presidents, four Treasurers, a Register, and a Secretary. At the said Court shall also be elected, twenty-four Directors, of whom, one third shall go out annually; and no Director shall remain in the direction longer than three successive years.

### XIII.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurers, and Register, shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Court of Directors, and of all Committees.

### XIV.

A Court of Directors shall be held four times in every year, viz. on the Wednesday immediately preceding each of the quarter days: At these Courts the accounts of the Society shall be regularly settled, and directions given for the investment of money in the public funds in the names of the Trustees: applications shall be received and considered, and occasional relief granted; members admitted; and all other business of the Society transacted:

acted : but no resolution of the Court of Directors, tending to alter or repeal any law, shall be valid until approved by one General Court, and confirmed by the next; the said resolution being also specified in the summons to each member, at least fourteen days before holding the said Court.

XV.

No business shall be transacted at any Court of Directors, unless NINE members be present.

XVI.

At every General Court the minutes of the Directors shall be read, and confirmed or rejected : but no new business shall be brought on at either of the Half-yearly Courts, unless introduced by a minute from the Court of Directors.

XVII.

The Court of Directors shall have a discretionary power to call an extraordinary General



ral Court. Nine members may also call an extraordinary General Court, by a written requisition signed by them, and directed to one of the Treasurers. Every extraordinary General Court shall be called by summons, and advertised in at least two of the public papers, declaring the meeting to be on special business; but the business shall be particularized in the summons only.

#### XVIII.

The Court of Directors shall have power to hold meetings by adjournment, or, at the requisition of Nine Directors (signed by them, and directed to one of the Treasurers) at such intermediate times as shall be judged necessary.

#### XIX.

At all Courts, in case of the absence of the President, the chair shall be taken by the first named Vice-President; in case of his absence, by the next named Vice-President; and so on, in the order of the register of  
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the officers and members of the Court of Directors.

## XX.

No part of the Principal of the sums arising from Subscriptions of the Members of this Society, except what may be necessary for the contingent expences thereof, shall be on any pretence whatsoever disbursed, until the sum of ten thousand pounds three per cent. consolidated bank annuities be accumulated; and the said sum of ten thousand pounds shall form the capital stock of this Society, never to be on any account diminished.

## XXI.

Six Trustees shall be chosen, in whose joint names shall be vested all the monies of this Society, that shall be placed in the public funds: and when, and as often as, the number of Trustees shall be reduced to three, to them shall be added three other Trustees to be chosen at the next General Court.

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The application of persons expecting benefit from this institution shall be by letter, addressed, either directly or through the intervention of a member, to one of the Treasurers, who shall acquaint the person so applying what farther information he thinks may be required by the Court of Directors, to which Court he shall present the said application, at the first subsequent meeting: the Court of Directors being still at liberty to call for such other testimonials of the nature and degree of the distress of applicants, as may be judged necessary for the satisfaction of the General Court.

## XXIII.

No widow or child of any medical practitioner shall have a claim to receive any benefit, unless the husband or father of such widow or child had been admitted a member of this Society.

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No widow or child of any member shall be entitled to any benefit from this Society, unless it appear to a General Court that such widow or child be left in circumstances which require it.

XXV.

In cases of manifest and urgent distress, when a General Court is distant, it shall be lawful for the Court of Directors, after due enquiry, to grant such immediate relief to widows or children as the circumstances may require, provided the allowance in any individual case, exceed not the sum of ten guineas.

XXVI.

Every payment of money by the Treasurers shall be in consequence of an order from the General Court, except for defraying necessary expences, and in the cases stated in law XXV. when an order from the Court of Directors shall be deemed sufficient authority : and every

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draft for money upon the bankers of the Society shall be signed by three or more of the Directors, one of whom, at least, shall be a Treasurer.

XXVII.

A list of the members and benefactors, with a general statement of the Society's accounts, shall be annually printed, and laid before the members at the anniversary festival.

XXVIII.

Bequests\* and benefactions shall be applied inviolably as directed by testators and benefactors.

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\* To such as are inclined to become benefactors by Will, the following form is recommended as proper :

*" I give and bequeath unto the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurers and Members of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of Medical Men in London and its Vicinity, the Sum of*  
*" which I desire*  
*" may be paid out of my personal Estate."*

N. B. Devises of land, or money charged on land, or to be laid out in land, are void by the Statute of Mortmain.

benefactors. But when no direction shall have been given concerning the application of gifts and legacies, they shall be applied according to the determination of the General Court.

### XXIX.

An Anniversary Festival of all the members shall be held between the first day of February and the last day of April: the time, place, mode of conducting the same, and the appointment of stewards, to be fixed by the Court of Directors.



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Those mark'd thus (\*) are Subscribers of twenty guineas, or upwards.

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DECEMBER 31st, 1788.

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To Subscriptions of the Members, . . . . .	£373 : 16	By Purchasing £500 three per Ct. Consols. . . . .	£367 : 10
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